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LETTERS OF THE TENNESSEE GOVERNORS ARCHIBALD ROANE 1801 - 1803 (PART 1)

Box 1 -- Folder 1

NAME	YEAR	PLACE	INCOMING OUTGOING	SUBJECT
NA	1801	[Knoxville, TN]	Out	Commission for Willis Jones as Smith County Entry Taker
Dickson, William	1801	Knoxville, TN	Out	Cover letter for an act of Tennessee State Legislature and commission to fulfill it [Act not included]
*NA	1801	[Knoxville, TN]	Out	Commission for James Chisum as Claiborne County Surveyor
*Governor of KY	1801	Knoxville, TN	Out	Cover letter for an act of the Tennessee State Legislature [Act not included]
*Governor of KY	1801	Knoxville, TN	Out	Copy of cover letter for an act of the Tennessee State Legislature [Act not included]
*Governor of VA	1801	Knoxville, TN	Out	Expresses a desire to settle boundary dispute quickly and requests a date and place for commissioners to meet
*Overton, John	1801	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses status of an unnamed legislative bill and requests legal advice on issuing commissions
*Overton, John	1801	Knoxville, TN	Out	Tenders Overton position of commissioner to KY to settle question of state border in favor of TN
*Overton, John	1801	Knoxville, TN	Out	Encloses appointment as commissioner to KY and advises rapid departure

*Overton, John	1801	Knoxville, TN	Out	Letter informing Overton that one of two enclosed packets contains an address to the Kentucky State Legislature and the other gives Overton instructions
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Dearborn, Henry (Secretary of War)	1802	Knoxville, TN	Out	Request to allow the road to Natchez to be diverted through Franklin, TN
*Fisk, Moses	1802	Knoxville, TN	Out	Forwards funds and further directives for state boundary line negotiations
*Fisk, Moses; Sevier, John; and Rutledge, George	1802	Knoxville, TN	Out	Directives concerning boundary line negotiations with VA
*Fisk, Moses; Sevier, John; and Rutledge, George	1802	Knoxville, TN	Out	Further directives for state boundary line negotiations with commissioners from VA
*Governor of VA	1802	Knoxville, TN	Out	Notifies of appointment of Moses Fisk, John Sevier, and George Rutledge as commissioners to VA
*Governor of VA	1802	Knoxville, TN	Out	Requesting state commissioners to meet at the home of James Thompson in Washington County, VA
*Markland, N. B.	1802	Knoxville, TN	Out	Orders to oversee distribution of funds for commissioners to VA
*Martin, Joseph; Taylor, Creed; and Johnson, Peter	1802	Knoxville, TN	Out	Agrees for TN commissioners to meet at Abingdon on October 1st
*McKinney, Henry (Colonel)	1802	NG	Out	Expresses regret and fear of the consequences following the alleged murder of an Indian

*Meigs (Colonel)	1802	NG	Out	Expresses regret and fear of the consequences following the alleged murder of an Indian
*Overton, John	1802	Knoxville, TN	Out	Asks Overton to have the courts of Davidson and Williamson Counties order a survey for a road to Natchez, MS
*Overton, John	1802	Knox County, TN	Out	Advises that road to Natchez will not be opened
*Sevier, John	1802	Knoxville, TN	Out	Commission to meet VA state representatives at the home of James Thompson

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NAME	YEAR	PLACE	INCOMING OUTGOING	SUBJECT
NA	1803	[Knoxville, TN]	Out	Commissions Carter Mills as Captain of TN militia
Blount, Willie and Campbell, Patrick	1803	Knoxville, TN	Out	Cover letter for an appointment as commissioners to examine and copy Entry Takers books for Sullivan and Greene Counties
Boyd, John (Davidson County Sheriff)	1803	Knoxville, TN	Out	Orders Robert Wiley to be handed over to David Early for extradition to KY
Boyd, John (Davidson County Sheriff)	1803	Knoxville, TN	Out	Cover letter for extradition order of Robert Wiley
Breazeale, Henry	1803	Knoxville, TN	Out	Desires to ascertain the location of a man named Trainum wanted for horse thievery and murder
Campbell, David; Jackson, Andrew; and White, Hugh Lawson	1803	Knoxville, TN	Out	Relates the jailing of Stephen Duncan, Joseph [?] Duncan, and John [?] Childress for murder and empowers court to be convened

Dearborn, Henry (Secretary of War)	1803	Knoxville, TN	Out	Relates an attack upon travelers on the road from Natchez in which Reuben White was killed and seeks to have the road better policed
Dickson, William	1803	Knoxville, TN	Out	Requests that Dickson not wait for official confirmation of reelection to Congress but proceed to the capitol
Garrard, James [Governor of KY]	1803	Knoxville, TN	Out	Acknowledges receipt of demand for extradition of Robert Wiley and assures compliance
Governor of SC	1803	Knoxville, TN	Out	Concerns an accusation of murder made in SC against John Nevin of Grainger County, TN
Madison, James (Secretary of State)	1803	Knoxville, TN	Out	Informs Madison that copies of federal laws have not arrived and requests to have more sent by a different route
Meigs (Colonel)	1803	NG	Out	Discusses proposed arrangements for a business deal between Mr. Flatt and Mr. Reiley
Meigs (Colonel)	1803	Knoxville, TN	Out	Desires the release of William Sharp who was being held for seditious statements
Meigs (Colonel)	1803	Knoxville, TN	Out	Confirms past criminal behavior of a man named Trainum and discusses possible guilt in murder of Major Brashears
Settlers on Indian Lands in Anderson County	1803	Knoxville, TN	Out	Warns white settlers to remove from Indian Lands
Smith, Daniel (General)	1803	Knoxville, TN	Out	Advises Smith of nomination to the US Senate and asks him to prepare to go to the capitol as soon as possible

Taylor, Joseph (Captain)	1803	NG	Out	Desires to ascertain the location of a man named Trainum wanted for horse thievery and murder
Turner (Governor)	1803	Knoxville, TN	Out	States that Roane will not extradite Stokely [sic] Donelson to NC without evidence of his crimes
Turner, James	1803	Knoxville, TN	Out	Refuses to extradite Stockly [sic] Donelson
White, James (General)	1803	Knoxville, TN	Out	Requires militia units to be well organized
Whiteside, Jenkin	1803	Knoxville, TN	Out	Seeks legal advice regarding a sheriff's bond
Winchester (General)	1803	Knoxville, TN	Out	Copy of letter that further discusses crime on the road from Natchez and rumors of the death of Mr. Mason, a notorious criminal
Winchester, James (General)	1803	Knoxville, TN	Out	Requests that Winchester inform citizens of Mero District of possible Indian visits
Winchester, James (General)	1803	Knoxville, TN	Out	Concerns the attack upon travelers on the road from Natchez in which Reuben White was killed and seeks ideas about how to apprehend the attackers
*Overton, John	1803 [?]	Knoxville, TN	Out	Copy of letter enclosing appointment as commissioner to KY and advising rapid departure
*Winchester (General)	1803	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses crime on the road from Natchez; rumors of the death of Mr. Mason, a notorious criminal; and announces that Sevier has been elected Governor, Dickson, Campbell, and Rhea elected congressmen

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Armstrong, Martin	1801	Nashville, TN	In	States willingness to copy records of the land office
Blair, Samuel; Nichols, Floyd; and Kerr, John	1801	NG	In	States that Joseph Byrd was elected Captain of Sevier County militia
Cowan, Nathaniel; Gibson, William H. ; and Roulstone, G.	1801	NG [Knox County]	In	Gives results of militia elections: Alexander Coulter, Captain; Joseph Ashworth, Lieutenant; and James Campbell, Cornet
Craft, Thomas	1801	NG	In	Letter to General George Rutledge resigning commission of Scott as Colonel, Berry as Major, and Snodgrass as Captain of the Sullivan County militia
Greer, Joseph	1801	Knoxville, TN	In	Resigns as Knox County Justice of the Peace
Henderson, Thomas	1801	Grainger County, TN	In	Resignation as Grainger County Justice of the Peace
Henderson, Thomas	1801	Grainger County, TN	In	Letter to William Maclin enclosing resignation as Grainger County Justice of the Peace
Henderson, William	1801	Sumner County, TN	In	Resigns as Sumner County Justice of the Peace and recommends James Sanders as his successor
Henney, Patrick	1801	NG	In	Resignation as Jefferson County Justice of the Peace
Houston, R.	1801	Knoxville, TN	In	Resigns as Knox County Sheriff

King, Isaac	1801	NG	In	Letter to General George Rutledge tendering resignation as Ensign of Sullivan County militia
Lillard, William	1801	Cocke County, TN	In	Informs that Paul McDermott was elected Captain and John Allen, Lieutenant of Cocke County Cavalry
Maclin, John; Taylor, Nathaniel; and Byler, Abraham; et al	1801	NG	In	Bond for John Maclin to assume office of State Treasurer of Hamilton and Washington Districts
McClellan, John	1801	Knoxville, TN	In	Cover letter for election returns
Overton, John	1801	Lexington, KY	In	Informs Roane of the failure of his mission to settle a state boundary line dispute with KY
Scott, J.	1801	NG	In	Letter informing General George Rutledge that Scott resigns as Colonel of Sullivan County militia, and Major Berry and Captain Snodgrass also resign
Snodgrass, William	1801	NG	In	Resigns as Captain of Sullivan County militia
Taylor, Nathaniel	1801	Carter County, TN	In	Offers services as commissioner to survey the state boundary line between TN and VA
Tipton, John	1801	Blountville, TN	In	Request to have vacancies filled in Sullivan County [militia]
Wharton, J.	1801	NG [Knoxville, TN]	In	State Legislature's answer to Roane's inaugural address

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Allison, John	1802	NG	In	Resigns as Wilson County Justice of the Peace
Atkinson, Matthew M.	1802	Kingston, [TN]	In	Acknowledges receipt of forty dollars from William Atkinson for work on the state seal and press
Atkinson, William	1802	NG	In	Letter to William Maclin assessing the cost of iron to be used in constructing the press for the state seal
Butler, Thomas	1802	encampment	In	Forwards a letter from the President concerning the road to Natchez
Butler, Thomas (Colonel)	1802	encampment	In	Seeks clarification and confirmation of orders
Carter, John	1802	NG	In	Attests that papers of the Washington County Entry Takers office have been given to William Maclin
Clark, Thomas N.	1802	South West Point, TN	In	Requests direction concerning running a road
Dell, Leonard	1802	Greeneville, TN	In	Resigns as Greene County Justice of the Peace
Eddy, Samuel	1802	Providence, RI	In	Cover letter for a copy of the Public Acts of RI
Gass, John	1802	Greeneville, TN	In	Resigns as State Senator for Greene County
Hardeman, N. P.	1802	Williamson County, TN	In	Certifies refusal of Abraham Maury to serve as Williamson County Entry Taker and recommends John Johnson instead
Hawkins, Benjamin	1802	Creek Agency	In	Suggests a system of branding for horses and cattle

Kinson, Johnie	1802	encampment	In	Discusses an unspecified proposal for the road to Natchez
Markland, Nathaniel B.	1802	Greeneville, TN	In	Explains delay in following Roane's directions
Maury, Abraham	1802	Williamson County, TN	In	Refuses commission as Williamson County Entry Taker and recommends John Johnson instead
McWhorter, John	1802	Anderson County, TN	In	Resigns as Anderson County Justice of the Peace
Ore, James	1802	NG	In	Letter addressed to John Sevier contesting the election of Major General of the Hamilton District militia
Otis, Samuel A.	1802	US Senate [Philadelphia, PA]	In	Senate resolution to have records of TN land ceded to the federal government copied and examined
Overton, John	1802	Nashville, TN	In	Discusses obstacles to opening the road to Natchez
Rawlings, Moses	1802	Jonesborough, TN	In	Resigns as Washington County Justice of the Peace
Smith, Dan and Maury, Abram	1802	Nashville, TN	In	Discusses copying of land records in the office of Martin Armstrong
Smith, J.	1802	Sullivan County, TN	In	Resigns as First Major of Sullivan County militia
Sommerville, John	1802	Nashville, TN	In	States that Joseph Rhea will deliver copies of the federal laws for 1800 and has not been paid

Taylor, Creed and Johnston, Peter	1802	VA	In	Request to postpone the meeting of the commissioners to settle the boundary line between TN and VA
White, Will	1802	Raleigh, NC	In	Response to request for a copy of a land grant
White, William	1802	Raleigh, NC	In	Copy of resolutions of the NC State Legislature concerning a proposed amendment to the US Constitution that would establish a method for the choice of electors for President and Vice President
Whiteside, J	1802	Knoxville, TN	In	Gives legal advice regarding the questionable election of sheriff in Claiborne County
Williams, Benjamin (Governor of NC)	1802	Raleigh, NC	In	Cover letter stating that William White is NC Secretary of State for resolutions of the NC State Legislature concerning a proposed amendment to the US Constitution
Williams, George	1802	Carter County, TN	In	Certifies that William Boyd refuses commission as Carter County Entry Taker
Williams, John	1802	Blountville, TN	In	Copy of a special order to Mr. Wilson for a blank book for transcribing land records
Williams, John	1802	Blountville, TN	In	Explains delay in assuming the office of Blount County Entry Taker

Williams, S	1802	Fort Blount, TN	In	Notice of Willis Jones's refusal of commission as Smith County Entry Taker and suggests Peter Turney, Wilson Cage, or Edward Settle instead
Wilson	1802	Jonesborough, TN	In	Copy of response to John Williams' special order for a blank book for Blount County Entry Book
*Fisk, Moses and Rutledge, George	1802	Sullivan County, TN	In	Reports on status of the team to settle the boundary line between VA and TN

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Armstrong, Martin	1802	Nashville, TN	In	Gives status of transcription of Land Office books and delays revision of records until it is complete
Bayles, John	1802	Washington County, TN	In	Resigns as Washington County Justice of the Peace
Bumpass, William	1802	NG	In	Informs that a county boundary line change has made him ineligible for Smith County Justice of the Peace
Clark, Thomas N.	1802	South West Point, TN	In	Seeks advice regarding John Smith's intent to participate in running the Cumberland Turnpike
Clark, Thomas N.	1802	South West Point, TN	In	Desires permission to build a turnpike
Coleman, Samuel	1802	Richmond, VA	In	Cover letter forwarding copies of the laws of VA

Dearborn, H.	1802	NG [Philadelphia, PA]	In	Stresses the President's desire to open a road to Natchez, but refuses to allow it to be diverted through Franklin
Estes, John	1802	NG	In	Resigns as Grainger County Justice of the Peace
Evans, Andrew	1802	NG	In	Resigns as Grainger County Justice of the Peace
Fisk, Moses	1802	Fort Blount, TN	In	Acknowledges a letter from Roane giving the setting for commissioners to meet to settle the boundary line between VA and TN
Heard, Stephen	1802	NG	In	Forwards resignation of Francis Vickory as Anderson County Entry Taker and asks Roane to appoint another
Jones, Willis	1802	Smith County, TN	In	States that new boundary lines between several counties made Burk Russell and William Bumpass ineligible to fill appointments as Justices of the Peace
Lincoln, Levi	1802	Worcester, [NG]	In	Request to TN and NC for copies of land records and other documents pertaining to dispute over TN lands
McCarty, Benjamin	1802	NG	In	Resigns as Grainger County Justice of the Peace
Russell, J.	1802	Greenville, TN	In	States failure to secure Greene County Entry Takers books from Joseph Hardin and requests directions
Smith, John	1802	Kingston, TN	In	Letter to Thomas Clark notifying him of purchase of a share in the Cumberland Turnpike

Smith, John	1802	Mount Pisgah, TN	In	Notifies of purchase of a share in the Cumberland Turnpike and wishes to be forwarded a commission
Thompson, T. M.	1802	Lancaster, PA	In	Cover letter for copies of the laws of PA
Thompson, T. M.	1802	Lancaster, PA	In	Cover letter forwarding copies of the laws of PA
Walton, William; Hall, William; and Clark, Thomas N.	1802	South West Point, TN	In	Notifies of completion of the Cumberland Turnpike
Wheeler, Israel	1802	Philadelphia, [PA]	In	Requests acknowledgment of receipt of a copy of the federal laws
Williams, John	1802	Blountsville, TN	In	Explains that land records of Blount County contain errors in spelling and grammar and inquires whether these errors should be corrected during transcription
Williams, S.	1802	Smith County, TN	In	Reports that William Bumpass is ineligible for the position of Smith County Justice of the Peace
*Fisk, Moses; Sevier, John; and Rutledge, George	1802	NG	In	Gives details and status of completion of running the boundary line between TN and KY
*Garrard, James	1802	Frankfort, [KY]	In	Cover letter for a copy of a resolution of the Kentucky State Legislature concerning the boundary line between KY and TN

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Carter, Daniel	1803	Greeneville [TN]	In	Resigns as Greene County Justice of the Peace
Early, David	1803	NA	In	Affidavit of David Early attesting that Robert Wiley stole Early's horse and took it to Nashville
Eveleigh, Thomas	1803	Charleston, SC	In	Cover letter for copies of the acts of the South Carolina State Legislature
Gale, William N.	1803	Blountville [TN]	In	Notice that John Williams, appointed to transcribe Sullivan County Entry Taker's books, has died
Garrard, James	1803	Frankfort, KY	In	Requests extradition of Robert Wiley
Heard, Stephen	1803	Knoxville [TN]	In	Notice that Joesph Terry has declined appointment as Anderson County Entry Taker
Johnson, Benjamin	1803	NG	In	Resigns as Sevier County Justice of the Peace
Lambert, William	1803	[Philadelphia, PA]	In	Cover letter for copies of the US House of Representatives Journal
Lincoln, Levi	1803	Washington [NG]	In	Discusses decision to be made on unnamed subject
Martin, Joseph	1803	Henry [NG]	In	Concerns settlement of boundary line between VA and TN
McClung, John	1803	Sevier County, TN	In	Resigns as Sevier County Justice of the Peace
Mitchell, Richard	1803	Hawkins County, TN	In	Notice that Joel Shropshire has resigned as Hawkins County Entry Taker
Mitchell, Richard	1803	Hawkins County, TN	In	Notice that Joel Shropshire has resigned as Hawkins County Entry Taker and recommends George M. Eller [?] for the position

Rutledge, George	1803	Sullivan County, TN	In	Notice that John Williams, appointed to transcribe Sullivan County Entry Taker's books, has died. Recommends James Fagon as successor
White, William	1803	NG	In	Resigns as Roane County Justice of the Peace
Winchester, James	1803	Cragfont [Sumner County, TN]	In	Assures that there will be no private action from Winchester's district concerning occupation of LA and that militia organization will conform to new laws
*Garrard, David	1803	Frankfort, KY	In	Cover letter for a copy of an act of the Kentucky State Legislature that repeals a prior act concerning the boundary line between TN and KY

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Dearborn, H.	1803	War Department [Philadelphia, PA]	In	Discusses measures to insure the safety of persons traveling from Nashville to Natchez
Douglass, Edward	1803	Montpelier [NG]	In	Cover letter for certificates of election for militia officers
Early, David	1803	Nashville, TN	In	Requests that orders for the extradition of Robert Wiley be sent to Nashville

Harrison, William Henry (Governor of Indiana Territory)	1803	Indiana Territory	In	Requests that Robert Slaughter be turned over to John Hardin for extradition to IN for the murder of Joshua Hardin
Harrison, William Henry (Governor of Indiana Territory)	1803	Vincennes [Indiana]	In	Requests extradition of Robert Slaughter to IN for the murder of Joshua Hardin
Harrison, William Henry (Governor of Indiana Territory)	1803	Territory of the United States Northwest of the River Ohio [Indiana]	In	Official statement of charges and indictment against Robert Slaughter for the murder of Joshua Hardin
Madison, James [Secretary of State]	1803	Department of State [Philadelphia, PA]	In	Asks Roane to notify members of US Congress from TN that Congress will convene on October 17th
Mason, Reuben	1803	NG	In	Resigns as Grainger County Justice of the Peace
Maxwell, James; Caffrey, John; Witherspoon, John; et al	1803	[Not Readable]	In	Petition requesting a passport be given to Samuel Gordon to enter the Creek Nation to recover stolen property
McCrory, Thomas	1803	NG	In	Letter to James Robertson proposing that Samuel Gordon be sent into the Creek Nation to retrieve stolen property
Miller, Peter	1803	Tennessee	In	Resigns as Hawkins County Justice of the Peace

Pollock, Robert	1803	NG	In	Resigns as Anderson County Justice of the Peace
Taylor, Nathaniel	1803	Carter [NG]	In	Inquires about the status of land claims
Trent, Williamson	1803	Claiborne County, TN	In	Resigns as Claiborne County Justice of the Peace
White, James and Stuart, James	1803	Tennessee [Knoxville]	In	States that William Dixon, George Washington Campbell, and John Rhea have been elected to represent TN in the US Congress.
*Campbell, Patrick and Blount, Willie	1803	Knoxville [TN]	In	Informs Roane of the completion of examination and location of record books